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In re application of:

NOBORU YAMASHITA, et al.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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This Amendment and Response responds to the Office Action having a mailing date of October 9, 2002. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for Two-Months Extension of Time, thereby extending the due date from January 9, 2003 to March 10, 2003 because March 9 is a Sunday.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Applicants respectfully request that these Amendments be entered without prejudice.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.